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REQUESTS FOR REVIEW OF THE DECISIONS OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR BY BOOTHEEL CONSORTIUM et al. ARE PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE PROCEEDINGS

CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21

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The following filed Requests for Review with the Commission: Bootheel Consortium, (Bootheel), March 21, 2003; Donna Independent School District (Donna), May 9, 2003; El Paso Independent School District (El Paso), May 8, 2003; Navajo Education Technology Consortium, Inc. (Navajo), April 22, 2003; Oklahoma City School District I-89 (Oklahoma City), May 9, 2003; and Orleans Parish School District (Orleans Parish), March 21, 2003. These applicants request review of decisions by the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company ("Administrator"), rejecting Funding Year 2002 requests for discounts under the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism. They request that the Commission reverse the Administrator's decisions and award full funding.

Requests for Review of decisions by the Administrator are subject to treatment by the Commission as restricted proceedings for *ex parte* purposes under section 1.1208 of the Commission's rules, unless otherwise provided.² Pursuant to section 1.1200(a) of the Commission's rules, we hereby designate these cases as permit-but-disclose proceedings under the *ex parte* rules.³ Therefore, any *ex parte* presentations that are made with respect to the issues involved in the subject requests will be permissible but must be disclosed in accordance with the requirements of section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.⁴

See Requests for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Bootheel Consortium, filed March 3, 2003; Donna Independent School District, filed May 9, 2003; El Paso Independent School District, filed May 8, 2003; Navajo Education Technology Consortium, Inc., filed April 22, 2003; and Oklahoma City School District I-89, filed May 9, 2003, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, Requests for Review.

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.1208.

⁸ See also 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200(a). See also 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.

^{4 47} C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

All written *ex parte* presentations and all written disclosures of oral *ex parte* presentations should reference the relevant Request for Review, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, and DA 03-1770 and be filed with the Office of Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, S.W., TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. A copy of each filing should be sent to Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20054 and to Sheryl Todd, Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, 445 Twelfth Street, S.W., 5-B540, Washington, D.C. 20554.

The full texts of the Requests for Review and all related filings will be available for public inspection and duplication during regular business hours in the Reference and Information Center (R1C) of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies also may be obtained from Qualex International, (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com. In addition, copies are accessible online through the Commission's electronic comment filing system, http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/.

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⁵ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).